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TAGS: ETRD, IZ

SUBJ: DISCRIMINATORY CUSTOMS DUTY ON AMERICAN CARS

1. EFFECTIVE JAN. 10, 1976, THE GOVT. OF IRAQ IMPOSED A 300 PCT CUSTOMS DUTY ON ALL AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES. IN ADDITION, THERE S A 30 PCT FEE ASSESSED ON ALL IMPORTED CARS NOT IMPORTED THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OWNED AUTOMOBILE IMPORTING COMPANY. CUSTOMS DUTY AND FEE ARE BASED ON CIF VALUE BAGHDAD.

2. THE ONLY OTHER IMPORTED AUTOMOBILE SUBJECT TO THE 300 PCT DUTY IS THE WEST GERMAN PRODUCED MERCEDES.

3. ALL OTHER IMPORTED AUTOMIBILES ARE SUBJECT TO A DUTY OF 125 PCT OR 150 PCT DEPENDING ON WEIGHT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE USINT IF THIS DISCRIMINATORY TARIFF ON US MANUFACTURED AUTOMIBILES VIOLATES ANY TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS LEGALLY BUNDING ON THE GOVT. OF IRAQ. ALSO ADVISE USINT WHETHER US LAWS OR REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR RECEPROCAL INCREASE OF TARIFFS ON IRAQI PRODUCTS, E.G. IRAQI DATES IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES.

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